

St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Murrin – *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez – *Deacon*
Mrs. Pam Olinski – *Parish Secretary*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
No Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 12:00 NOON
First Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 PM or by appointment.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – We invite you to become a registered parishioner. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT – To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

BAPTISM – Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass. Two months' notice is required. Please pick up a baptism form in the church lobby, introduce yourself to Father after Mass and give him your completed form at that time. A date for baptism will be confirmed by the parish office only after you have met with Father.

MARRIAGE

At least 6 months' notice is required. Please introduce yourselves to Father after Mass to start the process..

ANointing OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of hospital admissions to request Anointing or a pastoral visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Pat Runstedler
3 Westforest Trail 519-576-5503

St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Gary Lankowski
240 Autumn Hill Crescent 519-743-4682

Resurrection Catholic Elementary School

Principal: Marisa Munroe
455 University Avenue West 519-741-1990



"...The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or drop it in the mail. Your intention will appear in the bulletin.

If you require a Mass card please call or email the parish office to make pick-up arrangements.

The offering (stipend) for a Mass Intention is \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for:
HOW MANY?

☐ the intentions of (living) **OR** ☐ the repose of the soul of (deceased)

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

☐ The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

☐ I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

**Please submit requests as far in advance as possible to reserve preferred dates.*

Sunday Masses may only be requested twice per year.

All other requests will be satisfied on weekdays.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

Mass Intentions for the Week



October 25 – 31, 2021

Seating is restricted by physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) between households, until further notice. Masks continue to be mandatory. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Tuesday (FERIAL)

7:00 PM - **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

* No Evening Mass



Wednesday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Keith Reinhardt – *Clem & Carolyn Baumtrog*

Thursday (FEAST – ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE, APOSTLES)

12 Noon + Stephen Paul – *Marilyn Dufresne*

7:00 PM - **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**



Friday (FERIAL)

12 Noon + Wayne Stecho – *Garry & Cindy*

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 30-31

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

Sat. 5:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Indra Andrea Sirju – *Oscar*

Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude – These two apostles share the same feast day, probably because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent, but in actual fact we know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. St. Jude is the author of a short Epistle which forms part of the New Testament.



This year the Feast of All Souls, **November 2**, falls on a Tuesday and Mass will be celebrated that evening at 7:00 p.m.

Envelopes are available in the narthex if you would like to submit the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered for the intentions of this Mass. You may also request a candle(s) to burn in remembrance (\$5 each). Candles will be lit during Mass, and left at the altar to burn, or you may take them home after Mass that day.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Intentions of St. Mark's Prayer Network



In our church, two sanctuary lamps burn continuously on either side of the tabernacle, to signify the Real Presence of Jesus.

You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Public intentions will be published in the bulletin and on our website; private intentions will not.

Requests will be received by the parish office in much the same way you would request a Mass Intention. Please write "Sanctuary Lamp" on a plain envelope, insert \$5 for one candle or \$10 for both candles. Include your intention, and whether or not you would like it published or private. Requests can be dropped in the collection or slipped under the office door, or mailed.



Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. ■



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL RE-OPENING NOVEMBER 3RD

Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be re-opening to parishioners for private devotion on November 3rd.

The new hours will be:

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 1-8 p.m.

Parishioners may commit to one of the available hours, by signing up at the adoration table in the narthex. This will be an ongoing commitment.

Once you have signed up, new pandemic protocols and guidelines will be emailed to you.



Litururgical Ministers

Oct. 30-31	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Reader:	S. Rellinger	J. Flanigan	D. DeSousa
Ushers:	C. Weber E. Miller	J./K. Snyder	E. Weiss I. Kangaloo
Eucharistic Ministers:	J./D. Fernandez	T. Angel M. Walser	B./C. Voisin

Formation Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers

The Diocese of Hamilton is facilitating an in-person formation session for interested Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Cost will be \$25.

Saturday, November 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener

If interested, click here to register:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/>



Toasty Toes VIRTUAL Sock Drive

The annual Toasty Toes Waterloo Region campaign is asking for donations of FUNDS rather than socks this fall due to pandemic precautions. We regret that we CANNOT

ACCEPT SOCKS this year. If you wish to support this worthy cause, please consider a monetary donation by visiting: www.kwcf.ca/toastytoes

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

- ♦ **General Meeting (Zoom) on Tues. Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.**

Brother Knights will receive a link for the meeting by email.

- ♦ **Congratulations** to council's new Grand Knight, Paul Enticott, and the rest of the new Executive who were installed last Saturday for the 2021-2022 term.



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (OCTOBER 24, 2021)

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in this special event. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifices, for our brothers and sisters around the world.

The financial assistance that you offer today, on World Mission Sunday, will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing and peace. **\$40** helps support a catechist for a month in remote areas of the missions; **\$80** provides for the work of Religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, Asia, Latin America; **\$100** assists poor children in boarding schools in the Amazon, Africa and Asia.

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the missions. Thank you for participating with your prayers and donations on this World Mission Sunday.

St. Mary's Hospital – Hope & Hygiene Drive

To all who brought in items, THANK YOU for your generosity! We are happy to report that the Hygiene Drive is now finished due to the overwhelming response!

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

An Accepting Father

Reflection

Patris Corde, 4

(Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis, 2020)

Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (*cf. 1 Cor 1.27*). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (*Ps 68.6*), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst. I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (*cf. Lk 15.11-32*).

Prayer: Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Saint Joseph, accepting father, we ask that you intercede with your Son, the Saviour of the world, to give to the Church an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, filled with zeal for the work of evangelization.

V. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

R. To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (*Ps 27.4*)

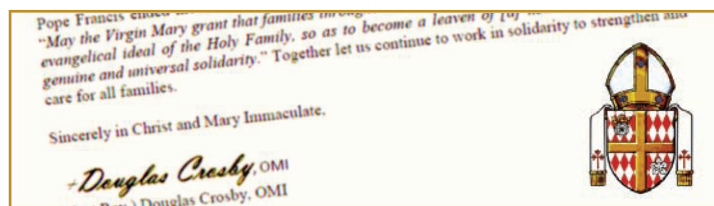
Action: Accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and show special concern for the weak.

Diocese of Hamilton Year of St. Joseph Novena Prayers

C.W.L. News...

♦ **Let's get reacquainted!** It's been a long 20 months since we have gotten together. Mark your calendars for St. Mark's C.W.L. **General Meeting; Friday, Nov. 19th at 7 pm.** Let us come together to pray for each other, catch up, and be informed. Covid protocols will be followed. Not ready to meet in person? You may join us via Zoom (meeting log-in provided closer to the date).

♦ **Thank-you! Thank-you!** Your generous donations of materials, blankets, and labor provided many blankets for St. Mary's Hospital this past Saturday! Our work is not finished yet, as we still have material to work on, hence your continued support of loving labor is still appreciated. We will gather once again on **Sat. Nov. 13th from 10:30 to 2:30** to provide much-needed warmth to the needy. Thank you again to all the ladies that came out on Oct. 16th – it could not have been done without you! -- *Betty Enticott and St. Mark's C.W.L.*



Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., has written a letter to all parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton for the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family.

Hardcopies of the letter are available in the church lobby beside the bulletins, or you may read it online by visiting the diocesan website at:

www.hamiltondiocese.com

The Year of Amoris Laetitia Family began on March 19th of this year, commemorating the five-year anniversary of the release of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia.



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